(*f*) No money subsidy has been given hitherto—Money subsidy is given only after ascertaining that cultivation of vegetables has been carried out in accordance with the rules of the Scheme.

(*g*) Does not arise in view of answer to question (*f*) above.

(*h*) In most cases it has been done in time.

(*i*) Yes. The stock is limited and it is not possible to give the full quantity required by an applicant. Every applicant is given manure according to availability.

SILK REARING INDUSTRY IN ST. MARY'S CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL, OLLUR

390. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) was the experiment in silk rearing industry carried on in the St. Mary's Convent Girls' Industrial School, Ollur in the year 1121 also ;

(*b*) if so, at what cost to the Government and with what benefit to the public ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 1.200. It had its educative value.

NURSES SENT FOR DELHI FOR HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS

391. Mrs. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the nurses who had been sent to Delhi for higher qualifications were also given training in mid-wifery ;

(*b*) how many years' course were given to them to undergo this training ;

(*c*) in what other subjects have they secured passes ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Two nurses were sent to Delhi for higher training in nursing subjects and for qualifying as Sister tutors. They were not given mid-wifery training.

(*b*) Nine months.

(*c*) No. They have not secured passes in any of the subjects.

"MADHUKATTIKULAM" TANK DEEPENING, BUNDING, ETC.

392. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether an allotment has been made for deepening, bunding up of the tank known as "Madhukattikulam" in Survey No. 190 in Anandapuram village and constructing a ghat therein ;

(*b*) whether the work has been entrusted to a contractor ;

(*c*) how much of the work he has done, if entrusted ;

(*d*) whether any payment has been made :

(*e*) whether any measurement taken ;

(*f*) whether it is now fit for the purpose intended ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The work is completed.

(*d*) Yes. (Final bill is not yet paid).

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

COLONIES FOR DEPRESSED CLASSES AND BACKWARD COMMUNITIES

393. Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Government has given colonies to depressed and backward communities ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* The Government have given house sites to members of the Depressed Classes in various parts of the State. Such grants are not generally given to members of the backward communities.

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